

FASA AND THE SINGLE PROCESS INITIATIVE

The block change process under the Single Process Initiative (SPI) is a highly effective vehicle for implementing changes authorized by the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (FASA); both SPI and FASA are tools for furthering the tenets of acquisition reform.

FASA changes are appropriate candidates for block changes under SPI. Additionally, Management Councils should not treat concept papers requesting changes related to FASA implementation as legal or regulatory changes; they should process these concept papers without any further review by higher headquarters.

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 43-102, was amended to implement Section 10002 of Public Law 103-355, which provides for modification of existing contracts, when requested by the contractor, to incorporate changes authorized by FASA. Contracting Officers, because of the FAR 43-102 coverage, have the authority to modify existing contracts to incorporate changes resulting from FASA implementation. As such, **Administrative Contracting Officers (ACO) should accept concept papers that propose FASA conversion; however, ACOs must be careful to ensure that each contract meets the definition for conversion prior to contract modification.**

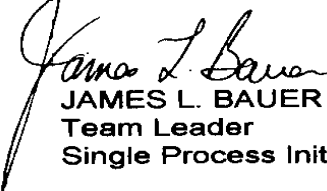
Legal counsel should be included in the review of these concept papers.

Once the ACO, with the assistance of the Management Council, determines that the proposed contract changes are appropriate, and all affected customers have been notified and concur, the ACO may execute a block change modification. FAR 43-102 encourages contracting officers to modify existing contracts for this purpose without requiring consideration.

Additionally, Management Councils should not treat concept papers requesting changes related to FASA implementation as legal or regulatory changes to be processed in accordance with the DCMC policy letter of April 19, 1996, Subject: Single Process Initiative, Statutory Changes or Regulatory Deviations. These concept papers may be processed without any further review by higher headquarters.

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